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SUMMARY: IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD NO SUCCESS WHEN HE PROPOSED BILATERAL SECURITY PACT TO FONMIN SABAH. SABAH TOLD AMBASSADOR GOK EXPECTED POSITIVE RESULTS TO ITS POLICY TOWARD PDRY, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR CONCERNED OVER DIRECT SAUDI APPROACHES TO RAS AL-KHAIMA, BYPASSING UAEG. END SUMMARY

1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ZANDFARD TOLD ME JULY 7 THAT HE HAD "GOTTEN NOWHERE" WHEN, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HE HAD APPROACHED FONMIN SABAH WITH PROPOSAL FOR SOME SORT OF BILATERAL SECURITY PACT BETWEEN IRAN AND KUWAIT. ZANDFARD SAID SABAH HAD EXPLAINED THAT SERIOUS VULNERABILITIES, PARTICULARLY FACT THAT MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF COUNTRY'S POPULATION WAS MADE UP OF NON-KUWAITIS, MANY FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN KUWAIT, WERE PERSUASIVE DETERRENTS TO GOK APPROVAL OF ANY SUCH PROPOSAL.

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ZANDFARD SAID HE UNDER IMPRESSION SAUDIS HAD REACTION IN EquALLY NEGATIVE FASHTION TO SIMILAR IRANIAN APPROACH. HE ASKED THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION BE CLOSELY HELD WITHIN USG.

2. ZANDFARD SAID THAT AT SAME MEETING, FONMIN SABAH HAD OPINED PDRY AND DHOFARI REBELS WERE MAIN CURRENT THREATS TO GULF STABILITY. ACCORDING ZANDFARD FONMIN HAD CONFIDED THAT GOK EXPECTED ITS POLICY TOWARD ADEN WOULD BRING "POSITIVE RESULTS SOON", BUT SABAH DID NOT ELABORATE. (NOTE: IT IS POSSIBLE SABAH WAS REFERRING

IN PART TO FACT PDRY PRIME MINISTER SCHEDULED PAY VISIT TO KUWAIT SOON.)

3. DURING ENSUING DISCUSSION OF LOWER GULF, ZANDFARD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DIRECT SAUDI DEALINGS WITH RAS AL-KHAIMA, BYPASSING UAE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. PRACTICE OS SOME COUNTRIES OF DEALING WITH SEPARATE EMIRATES, HE THOUGHT, WAS ADDING UNNECESSARY STRAIN ON FRAGILE

UAE. I EXPRESSED OPINION SAUDIS PROBABLY BELIEVED THEIR AID HELPFUL IN WEANING RAK AWAY FROM IRAQIS. HOWEVER I PERSONALLY AGREED WOULD BE MORE TO ALL OUR INTERESTS IF SAUDIS COORDINATED THEIR ASSISTANCE TO RAK WITH UAEG.

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